

Americans Push Axis Back

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Planned Economy No Bed of Roses

Dairymen's Plight Is Typical

For a week now you have been reading the bitter controversy between dairymen all over the country and the national planners down in Washington, D. C., who are trying to "blue-print" America.

The possibility of injustice in the scheduled fixing of milk prices is tacitly admitted by the Office of Price Administration, which has agreed to a regional hearing for dairymen at Camden this Thursday. February 4, Hempstead county dairymen will hold a prior meeting at 8 o'clock Tuesday night in the courthouse, there to assemble data to present at the general meeting at Camden.

OPA, as I said, has agreed to the Camden hearing—but only because of the terrific outburst of complaints from dairymen, and the final intervention of the congressional delegation in their behalf. It should be unnecessary to point out that dairymen who fail to be represented at the county meeting forfeit any right to further complaint. This is the last go-round.

...and what isn't remedied after that Camden regional meeting probably will have to be endured until the end of the war.

For we are at war—and that fact justifies the present emergency program of national planning. It must be apparent to all reasonable people that regardless of the inconvenience and hardship, and sometimes injustice, of the rationing and ceiling-price regulations, if we were to eliminate them right now in the face of tremendous war-time wages and a crying shortage of all consumer products the result would be absolutely disastrous—prices on all commodities would jump sky-high, many articles would be unobtainable for the common people because an unscrupulous few would have bought them up, and whole sections of America's population would be confronted by the tragic picture of a nation money-rich but nearly starving.

So this rationing and price-fixing and planned economy is necessary for the duration. That it is unpopular, I don't need to add. But the experience it is giving us will be worth all the grief. Because after the war there are going to be a lot of bright young men and women who will tell us that the solution of all our national problems lies in a planned economy administered by a tight little ring of bureaucrats in Washington.

And this experience we are going through now will be worth while, I say, because it will enable us to tell those bright young "national planners" where to go to when the war is over and victory is won.

A \$1,500 judgment awarded the estate of Will McAllister of Watson Chapel, Jefferson county, in Saline circuit court against the Missouri Pacific railway for McAllister's death was set aside with the holding that there was no evidence McAllister had been struck by a train. His estate charged that the door of a refrigerator car swung open and struck McAllister while he was walking along railway tracks near Benton, but the court said no testimony was offered to support the allegation.

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Jeffers Says Army Has One Job—to Fight

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—Rubber Administrator William M. Jeffers told Congress today "the job of the Army and Navy is to fight and not to run business and direct the civilian economy."

Denying he had called Army and Navy men "loafers," Jeffers charged service officials had protected themselves into the rubber program, for which he said neither the Army nor the Navy was responsible.

Jeffers was called by a joint House Military - Naval committee to explain statements attributed to him in a speech in Baltimore last week to the effect that Army and Navy officials were impeding production in synthetic rubber plants.

Chairman Thompson (D - Tex.) said at the outset of the hearing the committee "the Army and the Navy and these loafers for the delay in accelerating the program."

"I did not say 'Army and Navy loafers,'" Jeffers told the committee, and added his definition of a loafer was "a person assigned to an unnecessary job." He said his Baltimore language was "Army and Navy loafers."

Jeffers said he had been misquoted as having criticized "Army and Navy loafers."

Last Tuesday, after some debate developed over whether Jeffers had spoken of "the Army and Navy and loafers," or of "the Army and Navy loafers," reporters asked his secretary to ask him what his exact words were.

Transfer Given Hope, But Camp Still in Doubt

The controversy between the University of Arkansas and Hope as to whether Fayetteville or this city shall get title to the Alton CCC Camp buildings six miles south of here apparently took a turn in Hope's favor over the week-end.

After the Saturday edition of The Star went to press Congressman Owen Harris filed a telegram to Terrell Cornelius, adjutant of the local American Legion post, joint sponsor of the project with the Hempstead government, reading as follows:

"Authorization of transfer of CCC camp to Hope Legion and Hempstead county signed by Administrator McNitt January 25. Proper officials have been notified to see T. S. Cornelius of Hope to complete transfer. No request or consideration has been made by university for this camp."

The decisive nature of the congressman's telegram was tempered, however, by additional developments today.

The Star understands that while the CCC records in Washington clearly show transfer of the Alton camp to Hope the U. S. Engineers do have something in mind for the University of Arkansas. It is reported today that the Alton camp caretaker has been advised by the U. S. Engineers not to surrender the camp to anyone except on the Engineers' authority.

Whether this involves a collision of authority between the CCC and the Engineers was not definitely known today.

Tokyo Claims Sinking of Five Warships

London, Feb. 1 (AP)—The Tokyo radio quoted Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, Navy minister, as telling the Diet today Japanese planes sank two battleships and three cruisers off the most southerly point of the Solomon last Friday and Saturday.

(These claims were without Allied confirmation.) The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, quoted Admiral Shimada as saying:

"On Jan. 29 at twilight a great enemy fleet consisting of a large number of cruisers, battleships and destroyers was sighted west of Rennell island by our planes which carried out a surprise attack, sinking by direct hit one battleship and two cruisers while some more warships were damaged."

On the following day, he asserted, one more battleship and one cruiser were sunk.

Three enemy fighter planes were shot down, he added. Rennell island is less than 100 miles south of Guadalcanal.

Rome broadcast of a Tokyo report said seven Japanese planes divided with their cargoes of explosives into their objectives.

(Neither the Tokyo broadcast heard in London nor the report put out by the Rome radio gave the nationality of the naval force alleged to have been intercepted.)

Another Tokyo radio broadcast heard by Reuters said two of the battleships claimed sunk were American.

Flat-bottomed sailing yachts on middlewestern lakes are said to have attained speeds as high as 125 miles per hour.

The land route from Dakarto the Mediterranean is nearly 3,000 miles in length.

Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press

Snow Plow Mystery

New York — A city snowplow crew left their plow at the curb while they went into a restaurant for coffee. When they came out, it was gone.

A policeman found it abandoned a mile away. Detectives are puzzled.

Oh, Well

Kansas City — He wanted to go to California, the prospective but reluctant juror telephoned Judge Paul B. Buzard.

"All right," said the judge. "But I warn you, an investigator will be at your home this week to see if you really have gone on this trip."

"Well, judge," sighed the unidentified voice, "maybe you'd better just forget the whole thing. I didn't want to make that trip anyway."

Atta Boy

Twin Falls, Idaho — Three year-old Lyle Willis Lierman liked his four tiny shepherd puppies—but he'd heard about war bonds, too.

Edwin Lierman, his father, planned at yesterday's auction that the boy wanted them sold so he could buy war stamps.

The pups were sold and re-sold 17 times, for a total of \$23.50.

Mental Prison

San Francisco — May, 16-year-old, two-ton elephant, stood calmly in a moat 10 feet below the elephant house. Nobody knew how to get her out.

Her three older companions had shoved her over the brink.

It took 200 keepers quite a while to convince her it was all a mistake and she really was wanted in the world, after all.

Then she walked right out.

Roosevelt and Churchill Confer



President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill shown during their press conference held on the lawn of the villa in Casablanca, Morocco.

Germans at Stalingrad Almost Liquidated; Nazi Field Marshal Captured

—Europe

By HERY C. CASSIDY

Moscow, Feb. 1 (AP)—The powerful German siege force of 330,000 men which Adolf Hitler boasted never would be ousted from Stalingrad has been almost completely liquidated and its commander, Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus, with 15 generals, has been captured the Russians announced today.

Of the 330,000 Nazi soldiers who pushed so confidently and swiftly across the Don river last summer to seize Stalingrad for Hitler, at least 240,000 are buried in the frozen sod between the Volga and the Don and 46,000 more are under guard of their Red Army captors, a special Soviet communiqué said.

The figure of 330,000 itself was a revision upward of the size of the siege force. The previous estimate being 220,000.

Field Marshal Paulus, whose promotion from the rank of colonel general was announced yesterday by Berlin, thus was the command officer at the worst defeat Germany has suffered in Russia. He likewise was the first German field marshal in this war to break the proud tradition of the German army that generals and their superiors never captured.

Some 44,000 Germans still clung to the blackened buildings of North Stalingrad and the shell-pitted outskirts, the Russians said, but these but were cut off from supplies and the rear front was swept far to the west behind them before the powerful blows of the Red army.

(The mid-day communiqué of the Soviet Information Bureau recorded by the Soviet radio monitor in London said more than 900 of these 44,000 Germans were killed last night as the Red Army drove them from their positions.)

In addition, more prisoners were captured, the communiqué said, and large quantities of war material taken.

(Further progress was reported from other sectors of the farflung Soviet winter offensive. The Russians said that more units of the

encircled German and Hungarian divisions west of Voronezh were wiped out. Southeast of Kastornaya, some 80 miles west of the important German base at Kursk, many Axis troops were killed and 1,750 were captured, it was announced.

(Several more populated places were claimed captured in the north Caucasus, but they were not identified. The Red Army offensive was reported developing successfully there with motorized infantry slashing through German positions at one point to rout a German column and capture considerable booty.)

The German troops remaining in the Caucasus also were faced with disaster today. The midnight communiqué said Ryzanskaya, only 30 miles east of Krasnodar where some 200,000 Germans are fighting with only mountains and the Black Sea behind them, had been seized by Russian troops.

Belorechenskaya, 17 miles north-west of captured Maikop, also was taken as the Red Army pounded relentlessly after Hitler's Caucasian forces, it was announced.

West of Voronezh, the Russians said they seized 20 more communities and continued to whittle down a trapped force of 25,000 Germans.

Great Russian offensives on the Lower Don and in the Leningrad area also were in swing and the Germans faced weeks more of the bitter Russian winter attacks.

Conference on War Bonds to Be Held Here

Moody Moore, deputy administrator for the Arkansas War Savings Fund of the Treasury, will address a War Bond conference in Hope city hall at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, Mayor Albert Graves announced today.

All members of the War Savings Staff of Hempstead county, and all employers are invited to attend. Mr. Moore's appearance here will be in the nature of a checkup on War Bond sales thus far in 1943, which special attention to two promotion programs:

1. Installation of the Payroll Savings Plan in all local plants and business houses, and

2. Promotion of the National American Legion's Buy-a-Bomber program.

Vital Statistics

Little Rock, Feb. 1 (AP)—The legislature's joint budget committee today approved enlargement of the vital statistics division to a \$125,000-a-year unit and recommended the birth certificate fee be increased from 50 cents to \$1.00 to offset the expense.

Officials had reported thousands of demands bogged down in the bureau by inadequate arrangements.

29 Persons Are Burned to Death in Sanatorium

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 1 (AP)—AN inmate head flying from the hands of a stove repairman started flash flames surging through the frame structure of a suburban sanatorium and brought death to at least 29 persons in the worst disaster of its kind this area ever has known.

Twenty-eight bodies have been recovered from the mucky ruin that was a refuge for old age pensioners, aged ill and a few mental cases. One other inmate died in a hospital and 17 were under treatment today for burns.

Three of the 49 patients reported in the building when the fire began were unaccounted for and officials feared they, too, were dead.

The first tongues of fire flicked at a lower floor of the Lake Forest Park sanatorium shortly after noon yesterday. Almost in a matter of seconds the entire structure, privately operated by Miss Marjorie Westberg, was a mass of flame.

J. C. Bookley, district fire commissioner, said that when he was called the fire was "just a smoke" but before he could reach the sanatorium a mile and a half away, the building was engulfed.

The repairman, M. R. Baird, told Prosecuting Attorney Lloyd P. Shorett, that as he finished his task of connecting an outside tank to an oil heater, he lit a match. The head flew off, he said, landing in a pile of waste near the heater.

"In 15 seconds," Baird added, "the whole room was in flames."

Lee Fleetwood, a sanatorium kitchen helper, told how "the furnace man came running upstairs and asked for a pail of water." When the water was thrown on the flames "they just started to spread," he related.

Physicians, ambulances and firemen were called from Seattle and surrounding rural communities. They arrived in time only to look on the ruins and help remove bodies of the victims.

Many of the aged were trapped in their beds. Some had fallen against doors and beneath windows as they sought to flee.

Dairymen to Meet at 8 Tuesday Night

Twelve Hempstead county dairymen have been invited to meet at 8 o'clock Tuesday night in the county agent's office in the basement of the courthouse to discuss feed and operating costs and to make proper representation to an OPA regional meeting called for dairymen at Camden later in the week.

County Farm Agent Oliver L. Adams said today the county meeting Tuesday night is called to discuss feed, labor and other operating costs for three specific periods: October 1941; March 1942; and January 1943.

All dairymen attending the meeting Tuesday night are urged to get up this data now and bring the facts with them.

Dairymen invited to the Tuesday meeting are:

L. C. Somerville, T. O. Bright, B. N. Nix, O. F. Ruggles, Audrey Wilson, L. T. Urrey, W. W. Ellen, B. M. McAteer, S. B. McAdams, Martin Poole, Fred Lee and Ole Olsen.

The data produced at Tuesday night's meeting will be turned into a transcript and sent along with a delegation to an OPA regional meeting for dairymen to be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, February 4, at Camden.

The Camden regional meeting was announced in a telegram to The Star from Congressman Owen Harris over the week-end, reading as follows:

"OPA regional office, Dallas, has agreed and made arrangements for meeting at Camden 1 p. m. next Thursday giving dairymen south of Arkansas an opportunity to present facts regarding price of milk. All dairymen advised be there and have someone present concise information on existing situation."

OREN HARRIS, M. C.

Last Day to Buy City Auto Licenses

Today is positively the last day to buy city license tags without a penalty, Charles Reynerson, city treasurer, announced Monday morning. He added that over 400 cars have not been licensed.

For convenience of the public, the treasurer's office in the city hall will remain open till 8 p. m.

Danahous is said to be the oldest city in the world.

Memphis Strikers May Return Soon

Memphis, Feb. 1 (AP)—Hope that work might be resumed today in Firestone's Memphis plant was expressed by a company official after some of the United Rubber Workers (CIO) who left their jobs in an unauthorized walkout Friday returned at the 11 o'clock shift last night.

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Advance in Three Sectors in Drive Near Maknassy

—Africa

By WS GALLAGHER
Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Feb. 1 (AP)—American combat teams have smashed forward in three sectors of Tunisia against heavy Axis opposition, mainly in the direction of Maknassy, an Allied spokesman announced today.

Aerial battles which accompanied the bitter action around were officially reported to have cost the Germans 11 planes, against a loss of five Allied aircraft.

British forces wiped out six German tanks in repelling a Nazi attack in the Robaa area south-west of Pont du Fahs, two of them 52-ton Mark IVs equipped with 88-millimeter guns and seven-inch armor, it was announced.

(A Reuters dispatch to London spoke of this engagement as "a vigorous action." Further south, Reuters said, two merican counterattacks against German positions were repulsed, but "the American attacks continue.")

Supported by fighters and bombers, United States troops sought to regain Faid Pass which the Germans captured during a six-mile advance Saturday in a region about 60 miles west of Sfax. They met heavy artillery and dive bomber opposition at the western end of the pass, the spokesman said, and the Germans still held the position during fighting last night.

Two merican columns thrust toward the road and rail town of Maknassy, 33 miles from the Gulf of Gabes and 30 miles south of the Faid Pass battle ground.

One force moved south from Sidi Bouzid and the other eastward from a point northeast of Gafsa.

The Sidi Bouzid combat unit, headed by a German force along the road toward Maknassy, both using armor on a small scale and with indecisive results at the end of the day's fighting, the spokesman said.

Northeast of Gafsa, the east-bound combat unit came up against heavily reinforced German detachments at the town of Sene.

"At least one American reconnaissance unit bypassed Sene and it is too early to tell what the result of this action will be," the spokesman said.

Flynn's Name Is Withdrawn by Roosevelt

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt told Edward J. Flynn today he was complying reluctantly with a request to withdraw Flynn's nomination to be United States minister to Australia.

"Dear Ed," the president wrote in a note dated today: "Reluctant I am complying with your request and have withdrawn your nomination from the Senate."

"I wish you would come to see me today or tomorrow."

As ever yours, "Franklin D. Roosevelt."

The formal withdrawal was received by the Senate a few minutes later.

The action came in the fact of mounting Senate opposition threatening confirmation of the former national Democratic chairman, and marked the administration's first major rebuff in the new Congress.

Flynn had announced last night he was asking Mr. Roosevelt to withdraw the nomination to avoid a partisan political squabble in the Senate.

The withdrawal message was at the bottom of a long list of nominations transmitted to the Senate, it merely said:

"Withdrawal. Edward J. Flynn, New York, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Australia, at the request of Mr. Flynn."

The president received this letter from Flynn this morning:

"I am requesting you to withdraw my nomination as minister to Australia from the Senate. I am enclosing herewith a statement which I have issued which sets forth fully my reasons for asking you to take this action."

"I can't let this opportunity pass without telling you how thrilled I am and the whole country is at your brave and successful trip to Africa. It is a source of great comfort to all lovers of freedom throughout the whole world that you have returned safely."

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt today said the nomination of Edward J. Flynn to be minister to

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German Losses in Russia to Be Real Test for Hitler

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

By GLENN BABB
The German disaster at Stalingrad is even greater than has been supposed.

Berlin's accounts as well as Moscow's emphasize the end is at hand for the "army of the dead," which, it is now disclosed, numbered 330,000 men instead of the earlier Russian estimate of 220,000.

A third of a million men have been sacrificed, largely to Adolf Hitler's pride. It seems clear that had he not been so loath to abandon the prize which he boasted last September was as good as won and would be held forever there would have been ample opportunity for the withdrawal of the Sixth Army from its precarious salient before the Russian counter offensive was launched.

The German high command shows little desire to gloss over the tragedy. In fact it appears Berlin is using the Macabre tale for its own purposes, using it to drive home the propaganda of gloom with which it is trying to convince the German people that they must fight now for survival.

That last-minute promotion of General Paulus, the Sixth Army commander, to the rank of field marshal, seems to have been calculated to emphasize the extent of the catastrophe.

The loss of a field marshal as a prisoner of war is without precedent in the military history of the modern German Reich. So is the loss of an entire army. The German debacle of 1918 produced nothing similar. It remains to be seen whether the effect on the morale of the German nation will be that apparently sought by the high command's lugubrious announcements, a stiffening of resolve and a readiness to sacrifice everything for the fuhrer.

It remains to be seen also whether the Sixth Army's suicide stand will produce the strategical results the Germans are claiming for it. Obviously in its later stages it sought to prevent the Red Army from putting its full power into the drive for Rostov and give time for the withdrawal of the Axis armies in the Caucasus. That withdrawal has not been completed, but it does appear that the way has been held open for the bulk of those armies.

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From Petroleum Jelly this way
Finger. Spread slowly apart.
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Jelly quality. For cuts, burns,
and abrasions. 5c, 10c, 25c.

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Amazing NEW
Pep...Vitality...
better LOOKS!**



**1—Promote the flow of
vital digestive juices
in the stomach**

**2—Energize your body with
RICH, RED BLOOD!**

Frequently the stomach becomes sluggish in pouring out its digestive juices to make use of the food eaten... likewise, wear and strain of worry, overwork, colds, and other illness often reduces one's blood strength.

At such times Nature needs extra help to restore its proper functions and balance. Undigested food places a tax on the system... insufficient blood strength is a detriment to good health.

How you may overcome the discomforts or embarrassment of digestive complaints, sour stomach, bloating, underweight, loss of appetite, poor complexion, itchy nerves, weakness.

If you are subject to poor digestion or suspect deficient red-blood as the cause of it, especially designed to promote the flow of vital digestive juices in the stomach and to build-up blood strength when deficient.

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Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., Feb. 1.—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs, 10,000; weights 240 lbs. down mostly steady with Average Friday; heavier weights and sows 5-10 higher; bulk good and choice 180-270 lbs. 15.45-15.55; top 15.60; a few 170-300 lbs. 15.35-50; 140-160 lbs. 14.35-15.00; 100-130 lbs. 13.25-14.25; sows 14.0-15.25; quotations based on hard hogs.

Cattle, 3,000; calves, 800; around four loads of steers included in moderate supply of cattle; opening trade active and prices strong on all classes; medium and good steers 13.75-15.25; choice 16.00-25; replacement steers 12.75; medium and good heifers and mixed yearlings 11.50-14.00; common and medium cows 10.00-12.50; medium and good sausage bulls 12.00-13.75; good and choice vealers 15.00-75; medium and good 13.25-14.50; nominal range slaughter steers 11.00-16.25; slaughter heifers 9.50-15.25; stocker and feeder steers 9.25-13.75.

Sheep, 2,000; receipts include four doubles southwest clipped lambs; two doubles mixed; around 1200 trucked in natives; lambs opened steady; deck good to mostly choice native woolled lambs to small killers 15.50.

POULTRY ND PRODUCE

Chicago, Feb. 1 (AP)—Poultry Alive; firm; 11 trucks; hens, under 4 lbs. 4.5-1.2 lbs. 26; over 5-1.2 lbs. 26; leghorns, under 4 lbs. 22, 4.3-1.2 lbs. 24; fryers, 3-4 lbs. colored, plymouth rock, white, rooster 28-1.2; springs, 4-1.2 lbs. colored, plymouth rock, white, rooster 31-1.2; over 5-1.2 lbs. 33-1.2; broilers, under 3 lbs., colored, plymouth rock, white, rooster 27; leghorn chickens 24; roosters, 5-1.2 lbs. down 18; over 5-1.2 lbs. 19; stages 28; ducks 5-1.2 lbs. down 26, over 5-1.2 lbs. 26; geese 25; capons, 8 lbs. up 36-1.2, under 8 lbs. 35-1.2; slips 33-1.2; turkeys, young, under 18 lbs. 33; 18-22 lbs. 31; over 22 lbs. 30; hens, young, under 18 lbs. 33; 18-22 lbs. 33; hens, old 30, toms old 29.

GRAIN ND PROVISIONS

Chicago, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Scattered selling eased grain prices today, but volume was not large. Traders attributed most of the decline to an absence of buying interest.

Wheat and rye showed the most weakness. Little hedge selling was present in the bread grain, while rye was offered rather freely on all attempts at rally.

Wheat closed 3-4 cent lower, May 1.39 5-8-3, July 1.39 5-8-1-2, corn was off 3-8-3, May 98-18 1-8, oats declined 18-3-8, rye

dropped 1-4-1-2 and soybeans slumped 1-4.

Cash wheat now hard 1.48 14. Corn No. 1 yellow 1.00 3-4; No. 2 1.00; No. 3, 98-99; sample grade yellow 70-81.

Oats: No. 1 mixed 61 3-4-62; No. 2, 61, 1-2; No. 1 white 62 1-2 sample grade white 58-60.

Barley malt 68-1.05 nom; feed 72-82 nom.

New York, Feb. 1.—Profit takers nipped the stock market today but most leaders stepped into February without suffering severe casualties and many favorites, including rails and motors, resisted successfully.

Cashing in on the lengthy upswing appeared after the opening although offerings were far from urgent. Bids were forthcoming around mid-day and early declines were erased and replaced with modest gains here and there in the final hour. Losers of fractions to a point or more were plentiful despite an assortment of new tops for a year or longer. Dealings slowed at intervals but transfers were around 1,000,000 shares.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 1 (AP)—Cotton trading was slow today as traders awaited new incentives, and prices fluctuated within a narrow range. Buying on technical factors and routine price fixing slightly outed liquidation and hedging.

Late afternoon prices 5 to 30 cents a bale higher. Mch. \$9.76, May 19.53, Jly 19.37.

Futures closed 20 to 45 cents a bale higher.

Mch—opened, 19.76; closed, 19.75 May—opened, 19.55; closed, 19.54-55 Jly—opened, 19.40; closed, 19.40 Oct—opened, 19.14; closed, 19.13 Dec—opened, 19.11; closed, 19.10-11 Jan—closed, 19.05

High School to Offer Short Tax Course

The State Department of Vocational Education in cooperation with the vocational division of the Hope High School, has announced that a short course will be taught in Hope on Income and Victory Tax.

The need for the dissemination of such information is apparent. The increased Federal Tax program, necessitated by the war, touches every man and woman who are gainfully employed. The Government expects and requires that tax returns be prepared properly and that each taxpayer account for his correct share. On the other hand there are numerous deductions allowed which the Government expects the taxpayer to take.

This class is not being conducted for the purpose of preparing returns but for the purpose of disseminating general information which is calculated to assist the individual taxpayer in acquiring a general understanding as to the essential rights and obligations relative to Income and Victory taxes.

The first meeting will be held at the high school Wednesday night, February 3, at 7:30 P. M. A competent instructor will be secured for this short unit course. If any additional information is needed relative to this course, contact the high school (167).

FDR Returns From History Making Trip

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Back from the most spectacular and hazardous trip ever undertaken by an American chief executive, President Roosevelt set out today to translate into action the win-the-war plans evolved at his epic North African meeting with Winston Churchill.

Mr. Roosevelt returned to the capital last night, completing the last lap of his journey by train. After conferences with Secretaries Hull, Stimson and Knox, War Production Chairman Donald M. Nelson, and other top-flight advisers, he is expected to take the steps necessary on the diplomatic, military and home fronts to put into effect the commitments made at Casablanca.

It was just seven days after the Casablanca conference ended that the president returned to the White House. Twenty two days have elapsed since he left here and became the first president ever to fly in a plane, to cross the sea, or set foot on foreign soil while the nation was at war.

In the interim, he and Churchill, with the assistance of their highest Army and Navy leaders, worked out for 1943 a war strategy directed toward exacting unconditional surrender from the Axis.

The two United Nations' leaders announced their agreement on objectives and on the need for greater help for the Russians and Chinese. But it was apparent they had told only part of their story and that, as a presidential secretary put it, "subsequent chapters" undoubtedly would unfold.

The president and prime minister discussed new offensives and new fronts scarcely seemed open to question. The times and places for them, however, naturally would remain the greatest of military secrets.

Consequently, there was little reason to suppose that any outward evidence of the decisions made at Casablanca would turn up in the near future. But there was some speculation that new assignments might be announced for key generals and admirals of both the British and American staffs.

Still to be solved was the political problem in North Africa. Gen. Charles De Gaulle, Fighting French leader, and Gen. Henri Giraud, commanding French forces in North Africa, were at Casablanca, and while apparently they made headway toward effecting a military and economic liaison, they announced no agreement on what political elements shall dominate in the French African colonies.

A problem linked with politics also confronted Mr. Roosevelt here at home. It arose from the Senate scrap over the president's nomination of Edward J. Flynn, former Democratic national chairman to be minister to Australia. Flynn himself may have solved the problem last night by announcing he was asking the president to withdraw the nomination in the interests of national unity. Whether Mr. Roosevelt will accept this solution remains to be seen.

Congressional leaders were expected to receive an early summons from the president to talk over a number of other legislative matters, including the tax issue.

Arkansas-Born Negro Confesses Murder

Albany, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Robert E. Lee Folkes, Arkansas-born 20-year-old cook on a Southern Pacific limited train, made a detailed statement corroborating an earlier confession that he killed Mrs. Martha Virginia James as she lay in berth lower 13 nine days ago, District Attorney Harlow L. Weinrick said today.

Weinrick said the Los Angeles Negro would be arraigned later today.

Folkes arrived here yesterday from Los Angeles, where he was arrested after the train arrived there at the end of its run through Oregon and California.

"Folkes described all his activities the night of the slaying," Weinrick said, "and admitted his guilt in the presence of State Police Lieut. R. G. Howard, Dr. Joseph Beaman, head of the state police crime laboratory at Portland, Court Reporter Kathleen Miller, and myself."

There is no time for anything but fighting and working to win.

OPA Rules Against Crude Oil Price Hike

Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The OPA ruled today against any general advance in crude oil prices, as "not justified at this time."

The agency said it made the statement because of "widespread publicity attending the gathering pressure" for higher crude prices.

General increase, OPA asserted, "would add heavily to the consumer's fuel bill and dangerously threaten price control."

OPA said tariff commission survey indicated that with present prices the majority of producers could absorb any increases in production costs and maintain a margin of profit "which must be considered adequate in wartime."

Allied Planes Hit Rommel's Supply Port

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Sporadic fighting continued in the Mubo sector of northeast New Guinea yesterday as Allied planes pressed home attacks on enemy bases in a wide area ranging from New Britain to Timor.

General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

The announcement gave no details of the fighting around Mubo, southwest of the enemy base at Salamaua, but it appeared that action was tapering off following repulse of a series of enemy attacks.

Allied communiqué Sunday said the Japanese had lost 250 men, including a regimental commander, in one of these assaults, while Allied casualties were described as light.

Il Duce Says Italians Will Fight to Last

London, Feb. 1 (AP)—Premier Mussolini told an audience of Fascist militiamen today that victory in this war would go to the side which "is able to hold out a quarter hour longer than the enemy" and that "it is the last battle that brings victory."

Duce spoke "somewhere in central Italy" in observance of the 20th anniversary of the fascist militia, according to a broadcast by the Rome radio recorded by the Associated Press.

Referring to the loss of Libya, Mussolini said it had taken Italy's chief enemy (Britain) 32 months to register its first success and declared that Italy would return to North Africa.

"We shall return there where our dead await us and where we have left indestructible marks of our powerful civilization," he asserted.

"As inflexible as the law of gravity is the political law of the gravitation of peoples and the 50,000,000 Italians have gravitated and will gravitate toward Africa. That is our sacred right."

In a reference to the Casablanca meeting of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, which he called "a mad, criminal propaganda mystification," Mussolini said:

"We and our comrades of the Axis and the tripartite alliance respond to this with the declaration that we shall never give up as long as we are able to grasp a weapon for combat."

This anniversary, Il Duce said, occurs in "an atmosphere of iron, battle and decision."

Italians had received the news of "the enemy occupation of Libya with Virile, Roman calm," Mussolini declared, because of their "unshakable conviction" that eventually they would return to their lost territories.

The premier reviewed several formations of Fascist militia.

L. L. Osburn Finishes Navy Diesel Course

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 1.—Having maintained one of the highest averages in his class, Lester L. Osburn, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Osburn, 805 West 6th Street, Hope, Ark., has graduated from the U. S. Naval Training School at Navy Pier with the rating of motor machinist's mate, second class.

The course just completed included comprehensive study and instruction in various types and uses for diesel engines. Now classified as a "specialist," he is qualified for assignment to duty aboard a warship in Uncle Sam's Fleet, or a naval shore station.

Mystery of Lock Enters Actor's Case

Los Angeles, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The cream colored door to the blue bedroom of sportsman Fred McEvoy's home, where Juvenile Betty Hansen alleges Errol Flynn violated her, barred the way to progress today in the screen actor's trial on charges on statutory rape.

Prosecution and defense were involved in close questioning of C. D. Pope, Los Angeles county locksmith, who said there was evidence the lock to the door had been tampered with.

Flynn's lawyer, Jerry Giesler, brought out, however, that Pope didn't know whether file marks on the lock shaft were made recent or some time ago.

Scrap Iron to Be Collected by the Army

The Army, in cooperation with Civilian Defense Agencies, is launching a State-Wide Scrap Gathering Campaign.

In the very near future, the Army will send trucks and men to Hempstead County. The Army will collect only scrap that is donated. Therefore, the owners of scrap desiring to sell must transport the salvage to a dealer at their own expense without delay.

Army will collect every pound of scrap donated to them regardless of where it is found—large or small. They have the facilities—cutting crews, trucks, gasoline and manpower. Trucks will be routed along streets in the towns and along every RFD route in the county.

Says A. A. Albritton, chairman of the Hempstead County Salvage Committee:

"We must have more scrap to supply our Armed Forces with guns, bullets, tanks and planes. We, on the home front, must do our job as well as our boys on the fighting fronts. So—Now! Locate every pound of scrap possible, regardless of where it is or where it is found. The small scrap handy for collection and be ready when the soldiers call to show them your scrap quickly. If you have or know about large pieces of scrap such as old boilers, engines or idle machinery of any kind that must be cut to handle, get in touch with Oliver Adams, (phone 68) or write him. Let him know about any scrap, in fact, small or large quantities which you have or know about, so the Army may be directed to it without delay."

"Scrap collection is perhaps the most important job on the home front. With Scrap Metal, we actually make the fighting equipment with which we will win the war. It is urgent that we act now! Our armed forces expect us to keep on the job."

Negro Said to Have Admitted to Murder

Los Angeles, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Sheriff's Deputy Clay Kirk starts back to Roanoke today with a 29-year-old railroad diner chef accused of slaying Mrs. Martha James, wife of a naval officer in her sleeping car berth a week ago as the train was speeding toward California.

Detective Captain Verne Rasmussen said the chef, Robert Folkes, a Negro, made an oral confession in the presence of several police officers but that he had not been asked to sign a stenographic transcript.

"Whether he signs it or not, makes no difference to us," Rasmussen reported, Folkes admitted he stabbed Mrs. James in the throat with a boning knife.

Rasmussen stated that when Folkes was asked the motive of the crime the Negro declared he didn't know. The detective said he then asked:

"You went to that berth with the sex idea in your head, didn't you?"

"No, sir, I didn't," the officer quoted Folkes as answering. But, earlier in the questioning, Rasmussen said, Folkes declared an unidentified man offered him \$1,000 to get Mrs. James "out of the way."

Folkes, on the advice of his attorney, objected to going to a sleeping car, where Rasmussen had planned to determine if the Negro could reenact the crime. The detective quoted Folkes as saying:

"I don't want to see no dead woman's ghost! No sir, I ain't gonna do no such thing!"

During the questioning, said Rasmussen, Folkes stated he had been cutting steaks in the dining car galley, and that any blood on his clothing probably came from the meat. The detective said Folkes' clothing bore bloodstains, but that Oregon authorities would decide if chemical analysis would be made here.

Your Federal Income Tax

Clip Out This Article—The Complete File Will Tell You How Much Tax You Owe March 15.

No 25 BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL INCOME

Individuals engaged in business or profession report the net profit (or loss) in their individual income tax return Form 1040. The net profit (or loss) is entered in item 9 of the return form and the entry must be supported by the information called for in Schedule H, or by other schedule particularly adapted to the business or profession.

In reporting income from business or profession, all income so derived must be shown in the schedule. In arriving at net income or loss, the taxpayer may use the method of accounting regularly employed in keeping the books, so long as such method is

reasonably consistent and clearly reflects the income.

In the case of farming operations, if the taxpayer is using the cash basis, Form 1040F, "Schedule of Farm Income and Expenses" is required to be filled out and filed along with Form 1040. Use of Form 1040F is optional in the case of farmers who use the accrual method.

It should be noted that incidental transactions entered into for gain, such as the buying and selling of securities where one is not in the investment business, do not constitute "trade or profession." Gain or loss from such operations are reported in item 8 and item 10 of return Form 1040.

W. H. Olmstead Dies Saturday at Hospital

W. H. Olmstead, 70, a resident of Hope for 28 years, died at a local hospital Saturday. He had been a U. S. Mail carrier for 30 years and was an honorary member of the Methodist Board of Stewards at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. yesterday at the Methodist church with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, J. A. Olmstead of San Antonio, Billy of Hope, a daughter, Mrs. M. L. Keller of Shreveport and two sisters.

Clubs

The Doyle Home Demonstration Club met January 13th with Mrs. Mark Jackson at 10:00 o'clock having an attendance of 6, 7 members and one visitor. A cheese demonstration was given by Miss Mary Claude Fletcher, Home Demonstration Agent. The thermomometer used in making the cheese was bought by the club and can be used by families in that neighborhood.

A pot luck lunch was served, and the cheese was finished after lunch. Then there was a short business session. We also had an "Auction Sale" which brought \$1.51, this will be used for painting the inside of the church. The cheese demonstration was very interesting and will be very helpful to us and especially to those who have a surplus of milk.

February 10 the club will meet with Mrs. Louie Dowdy at 2 p. m. and we will have a cooking school on cheese cooking, using the cheese made in January. We are expecting Miss Fletcher to be with us. We will also have our "Auction Sale" and hope the members and our neighbors will be present.

The Mt. Nebo Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. John Laha, the president of the club, Thursday January 28. Mrs. Laha brought a very helpful devotional. Victory Gardens and Poultry were discussed by Miss Christine Naugher, assistant Home Demonstration agent. She also gave demonstrations on cheese and salad dishes.

During the social hour a very interesting "Treasure Hunt" was enjoyed. Presents presented by the president were found by the following:

Mrs. Mattie Mae Kent, Mrs. Monroe Kent, Mrs. Lester Kent, Mrs. Barney Powell, Mrs. Andrew Powell, Mrs. Berlin Simmons, Mrs. Julia Gilley, Mrs. Ben Horton, Mrs. Dewey, McClellan, Mrs. Harold Burns, Mrs. McEwen, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Joe Ballard, Mrs. Miles Laha, Miss Louise Kent, and Miss Christine Naugher.

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